

Komsomol presenting guard of honour to the most beloved departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.
On the dais Members of the Central Committee and leaders from State paying tribute in Red Salute.

Uphold the Banner of Revolution

'Remember the people are for struggle, they want to rise, but what they miss is the correct leadership that our party, SUCI, alone can provide. Our task is gigantic. It will call for the best of us. It will call for our utmost devotion to this revolutionary cause. But be not afraid of the task—a task historically devolved on us'. This call of 24th April is reaching far and wide. Observance of 24th April is not a ritual but the outcome, the continuity of mass movements initiated by the Central Committee of our party SUCI all over India. It sets the course, provides fresh impetus and newer inspiration. It is the strength of democratic mass movements that alone can resist the mounting attacks by all the ruling parties on people in every sphere of life, economic, political, social, moral and cultural most glaringly revealed by all the anti-people policies adopted, including language and education policies.

Both the Centre and the states alike are extorting ever bigger doses of taxes from the toiling people or resorting to anti-people fiscal and monetary policies, wage freeze, price hike etc. thereby shifting the entire burden of ever growing capitalist crisis on to the shoulders of the people to protect the interests of the capitalist class and provide new lease of life to the dying crisis ridden capitalist system. In their

desperate bid to stifle people's dissent the ruling parties are snatching away one by one people's hard earned rights and civic liberties through a spate of ordinances and black acts. Faced with this growing menace to their very existence will the people silently succumb or will they rally round the call of our party SUCI to rise up and throw up challenge through the mighty wave of democratic mass movements?

The people have started to take up the challenge in the movements launched singlehandedly by our

party, throughout India. In the glorious civil disobedience movement of 15th June '79 under the

leadership of our party they have created new history. They have (Contd. to page 5)

Message of May Day

The significance of May Day, the day of international working class solidarity, lies not in the fact that the workers rose to shake off a slave working condition and to gain economic relief but because of the dawn of consciousness in them that only in the overthrow of this exploitative capitalist system lay their real emancipation. And for this emancipation to achieve, what they need essentially is alternative political power of their own, grown and consolidated through the process of democratic struggles.

May Day, comes this year in this country with a grave foreboding. The working people are being subjected to worst kind of capitalist exploitation with the ever and ever

mounting crisis of moribund capitalism—phenomenal price rise of essential commodities, back-breaking tax burden, swelling number of unemployed, lay off, closure, lockout etc. are but symptoms of this fact. The crisis-ridden bourgeoisie, in their bid to get a lease of life, are robbing the working people of their legiti-

mate dues, hard earned trade union rights etc. To impose wage freeze or scaling down the rate of neutralization of wage erosion, the governments both at the centre and in the states are muzzling the trade union movement. Strike or any form of militant trade union movement is being (Contd. to page 4)

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's Ardent Appeal

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the beloved General Secretary of our party addressed the vast sea of humanity that assembled on this historic SUCI Day to once more educate themselves with the revolutionary thoughts and teachings of the SUCI, the genuine revolutionary party of the soil, the party founded and reared by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader and teacher and one of the outstanding Marxist Leninist thinkers of the present era.

Despite his ailing health Comrade Mukherjee spoke for more than an hour and while highlighting on the present political situation observed that whether it was the Congress (I) Ministry headed by Sm. Gandhi at the Centre or those in the states, including the ones led by the CPI(M) in West Bengal, Tripura and Kerala, all of them were trying to give a fresh lease of life to the moribund capitalist system.

While elaborating the significance of the observance of the day, Comrade Mukherjee remarked: It is not a ritual that we observe the Day.

This year, we are observing this Day particularly at a time when the country is passing through the gravest crisis embracing all aspects of the life of our people. The ruling bourgeoisie aided by the parties in governmental power at the centre and in the different states, the parties which are destined to serve their interest, are conspiring to shift the entire burden of the crisis on to the shoulder of the working people of the country.

The people, if they carefully analyse the situation will find that all these parties, be it an exposed bourgeois party like the Congress (I) or a social democratic party like the CPI(M), which

serves the ruling capitalist class under the cover of left vocabularies and slogans in their bid to defend the moribund capitalism in the present third general crisis of world capitalism are pursuing the same basic policy reflecting thereby an identity of attitude towards the people and mass movement. This is a very pertinent point, and one must try to grasp the truth underlying this identity in approach and attitude, Comrade Mukherjee observed.

It is to protect the interest of the crisis ridden, moribund capitalist economy and system that Sm. Indira Gandhi since her return to power at the Centre has brought in an undeclared state of emergency, has taken recourse to various authoritarian steps and measures such as the introduction of National Security Act, promulgation of ordinance denying bonus to LIC employees etc. and concentrated absolute power in the hands of the police and bureaucracy so as to curb the legitimate democratic struggle of the toiling people to realise their demands. Similar authoritarian attitude is being manifested not only by the Congress (I) governments of different states, but also by the CPI(M) led state government,—all of which, to prolong the tenure of the capitalist exploitative class rule, are adopting all sorts of repressive measures to suppress the legitimate democratic movement of the people.

But what is the attitude of these governments towards the ruling class, Comrade Mukherjee asked. These governments are setting record after record in showering various concessions be it on the question of fiscal matters, export-import policies or taxation etc. on the ruling bourgeois class, the profiteers and exploiters.

This shows how these governments, either openly or subtly, are serving the ruling capitalist class. But despite all these naked heinous attempts to suppress the people, to their utter dismay they find that the oppressed and humiliated people crushed under the grinding wheel of oppression and exploitation are raising their heads to give vent to their deep seated resentments against the ruling class through movements in different parts of the country.

While highlighting the question of integration and unity of the people of different nationalities with different mother tongues, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee emphasised that in a multilingual country like that of ours utmost care should have to be taken to adopt a pro-people language policy. Care should have to be taken to develop the mother tongue of all the nationalities so that they may work as the medium of instruction up to the highest stage of education. To realise this English must have to be retained side by side which, in a multilingual state like that of ours, also serves as the link language. One must have to take English down to the broadest section of the masses for opening up the gate of higher education and thoughts to them. Can we forget the fact that it is English language that has served and is still serving as the vehicle of higher thoughts and ideas in the different field of humanities, science and epistemology? Can we forget that it worked as an instrument not only to give rise to the thoughts and ideas of renaissance but also helped to wield the multinationality people into one nation concept?

But today, Comrade Mukherjee observed, the 'Left Front' Government in West Bengal is engaged

in the attempt to abolish English at the primary level of education. The slogan against English language is, of course, nothing new. In fact the 'Left Front' Government in West Bengal is pursuing the old language policy of the Congress. From Jawharlal Nehru down to all the leading figures of the Congress, all harped on narrow nationalism in the matter of language. Since independence the Congress has been pursuing the policy of removing English from the reach of the common people. The object was to close the door of higher education and cult of higher knowledge and epistemology to the people of the country. It was also engineered from the idea of conspiring to destroy whatever unity developed among the people of divergent nationalities.

On the language question Comrade Mukherjee particularly emphasised that we strongly demand the development of all mother tongues of the Indian people including Hindi, so that they may serve as the medium of instruction up to the highest stage of education. And it is for the further growth and development of the mother tongue so that they may work as the medium at the highest level of education that an advanced language like English must have to be compulsorily retained at the primary level and taught up to the undergraduate level of education. Because the science of development of language has taught us that languages develop through their respective exchanges and intercrossings. So a relatively less developed language becomes enriched and develops more through exchange with a relatively more advanced language. But the 'Left Front' is clamouring that it is for the development of the mother tongue that English is to be abolished at the

primary level. A queer logic indeed. Because had they genuinely desired the development of the mother tongue, then they would not have at least degraded the mother tongue from the compulsory level to the queer 'compulsory optional' level at the undergraduate stage, Comrade Mukherjee commented.

It is of course not a fact that they are completely driving out English from the country. English will remain as it remains now for the wards of the rich people who will be able to get them admitted in the English medium schools. If anyone enquires then he will find that these people who are closing the door of learning English language to the common people are sending their ward, to these English medium schools.

In this regard too, there is no difference between them and Jawharlal Nehru or Indira Gandhi. Mr. Nehru took the policy of driving out English from the reach of the common people but like many leaders of the 'Left Front' of West Bengal, sent his grandsons to the English medium schools.

Mr. Jyoti Basu, the Chief Minister of the 'Left Front' government of West Bengal has given vent to their real intent and desire by observing in a tone identical with that of Sm. Gandhi that they are not completely abolishing English from the country. Yes, but they are keeping it only for those who would be able to send their sons and daughters to highly expensive English medium schools!

So, like their policies in other fields, on the question of language also, the CPI (M) led 'Left Front' by trying to implement the language policy of the Congress, just like it, are endeavouring to fulfil

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the design of the capitalist class. While reflecting on the glorious unprecedented movement of the people of the state against the anti-people language policy of the West Bengal Government, Comrade Mukherjee stated: Mr. Jyoti Basu, the Chief Minister of the state once observed with arrogance that he was determined to abolish English from 1981. But could he? No, not at all.

The Siksha Sankochan Birodhi O Swadhikar Raksha Committee (Committee to Resist Curtailment of Education and Encroachment on Autonomy) and the Chhatra Sangram Committee (Students' Struggle Committee) have organised a historic resistance movement against the language policy of the government. It is not only that the prominent educationists, intellectuals and litterateurs of all India fame have actively participated in the said movement in the forefront, but with the progress of the movement, which has received tremendous support of the people, the people from all walks of social life, including workers and peasants in thousands, have participated in the movement which has already created tremendous enthusiasm among the people of the whole country. In the face of such a mighty movement which has given vent to the strong resentment of all sections of the people of the state against its language policy, the government had to temporarily retreat and decide to refrain from implementing its policy for one year more.

No political party except that of ours has been found to organise any movement against this anti-people language policy. How can they? Because, all of them including Congress(I), Congress (U), Janata, BJP etc. have an identity with the CPI(M) led 'Left Front'

of West Bengal on the question of language policy.

Not only that these parties have not tried to organise any movement. In the initial stage, some of the Congress leaders have been found to criticise the said movement. Because, they know it very well, that if the CPI(M) succeeds in implementing their all-India language policy, in a left-oriented state like West Bengal where they have so long failed to do so due to strong opposition from the people then that will provide a green signal to them to implement the said policy in other parts of the country. But with the progress of the movement, after sensing the deep anti-government attitude of the people, to reap dividend out of it in favour of their narrow parliamentary politics they are now trying to pose as if they are opposed to this language policy. It is needless to say that such a posture will fail to fool the people, Comrade Mukherjee remarked.

The 'Left Front' poses to be left, but their real anti-people class character becomes exposed when to defend their anti-people language policy, which is desired to serve the ruling capitalist class, Mr. Promode Dasgupta, the Chairman of the 'Left Front' and a member of the Politbureau of the CPI(M) is found to state that the workers and peasants need not learn English. It is enough if they can at best read the daily paper, if the peasants know how to keep accounts and records regarding lands and other things.

But a genuine revolutionary views the thing in a fundamentally different manner. In this connection, Comrade Mukherjee referred to the historic teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the outstanding Marxist-Leninist thinkers of the era, who time and again observed: it is the working people that have to constantly cultivate

thoughts and epistemology so as to acquire truth of life and society. Because if they fail to fulfil this task, they will remain ignorant about the real nature of the main problems confronting them and the society and fail to consciously act and thereby fail to accelerate the law governed processes of social change. And that is why all through the ages of human history, it is the exploited people who searched for the truth.

Another serious derogatory step that the 'Left Front' has already implemented, is the abolition of the study of literature from the curriculum of the language study at the undergraduate level. A system of education with no or little room for literature is a tool to dehumanize people, as it fails to nourish the finer faculties of human mind. All these steps, such as the abolition of English at the primary level, minimising the importance of the study of language at the undergraduate level and lastly the denial of the role of literature are parts of a conspiracy, a design to attack at the very root of the process of creating a real man, the man conscious of his role in the process of social transformation. Apart from anti-people language cum education policy, in the education field, the 'Left Front' has taken one heinous anti-democratic step. They launched naked aggression on autonomy and superseded along with the University of Calcutta with a long-standing glorious tradition of autonomy five other universities of the state. Even the previous Congress Government, though at times it expressed a similar heinous desire dared not take such a step.

The 'Left Front' has established bureaucratic control on the universities on the plea of eradicating corruption. But has corruption been driven out? Is it not clear from the reports appearing in the daily press that corruption has surpassed

the previous record, Comrade Mukherjee asked.

Comrade Mukherjee then uttered a note of caution regarding the character and activities of the neo-revisionist and social democratic parties of our country and their counterparts in other parts of world. He observed: The people should not lose their faith in the science of Marxism-Leninism witnessing the opportunism and anti-people activities of the social democratic parties like the CPI and CPI(M) who are eager to stand up as bourgeois alternative at the national level. They should not turn their face from Marxism-Leninism merely because the revisionist clique of the CPSU leadership and their followers in different countries including that of ours are distorting the science of Marxism-Leninism and thereby trying to malign the nobility of communism. They must note that the present socio-economic political system will not break down of its own. It is true that the society is pregnant with the possibility of emancipation. It is tormenting in pains. But surely it needs help from the hands of an efficient midwife. So what we need, to bring about this emancipation is the conscious and active role of mass to strengthen class struggle, the midwife of revolution, to free himself from slavery and realise this emancipation. So a man engaged in quest of truth of life and society must practise Marxism-Leninism.

Today when both in our country and abroad all sorts of revisionism, neo-revisionism and social democratism raise their ugly heads the task to defend this science of all sciences and protect the noble ideal of communism has been entrusted upon our party SUCI, the party founded and reared by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the outstanding Marxist-Leninist thinkers of era.

The party, since its inception on this very day, thirty-three years back, despite all odds has

spread its activity in eighteen states. Be it in West Bengal or Orissa in every state the party is striving hard to organise the toiling people and develop left and democratic movement against the capitalist exploitative system.

Even in Assam, long before the creation of the existing critical situation, our party apprehended that the parochial, regional chauvinistic fissiparous forces might try to misdirect the people who possessed a deep-seated sentiment regarding their language and culture and time and again we appealed to the left and democratic parties to forge unity and develop a left and democratic movement of the people for realising their legitimate demands. But none of them paid any heed to our proposal.

Another vital problem that has also made the people's life unbearable was the problem of unemployment which though intense in all parts of the country is perhaps most acute in the north eastern states due to calculated negligence on the parts of the Central Government in undertaking industrial development in this region. While capitalising on the deep-rooted sentiment of the people regarding their language and culture and the economic problems of their life and seizing the opportunity of the absence of any powerful left and democratic movement to redress their genuine grievances, the parochial forces established their stronghold in the state and led the people to a misdirected mass upsurge that resulted in a fratricidal war.

Time and again we asked the Central Government to remove the misgivings of the people by ensuring constitutional safeguard to Assamese language and culture, to protect the language and culture of the minorities and side by side to undertake programme for industrial development. The Central Government headed by Sm. Gandhi deliberately pre-

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frowned upon, is being tried to be painted as something anti-national. This is the usual trick that the bourgeoisie applies to shift the entire burden of crisis in the moribund capitalist productive system on to the shoulder of the working people.

That is why whichever party is coming to governmental power as a bourgeois alternative both at national and state levels, be it Janata Party, Congress (I), Lok Dal, Congress (U) or CPI (M) led 'Left Front' or combination of parties, everyone is trying utmost to defend the ruling class by putting rein on the working class movement. Tactics differ but not the main objective, i.e. elimination of organised resistance of the working people.

The Janata government introduced the infamous 'Industrial Relations Bill' the whole intention of which was to put blanket ban on strike by imposing compulsory adjudication and severely restricting collective bargaining. In essence, it was a gross denial of the trade union rights the working people earned through hard struggles over four or five decades.

The Congress (I) which succeeded the Janata regime is doing exactly what the previous government tried but through different means. The present Congress (I) government has brought into statute book, such authoritarian measures like National Security Act, Essential Services Maintenance Act which make a mockery of trade union rights including the right to organise movement. Not only this, the manner in which the government is moving to crush trade union movements and rights is really alarming. It has applied the coercive apparatus plus the hired musclemen against the seventy seven thousand employees of the Bangalore based public sector bodies, has retrenched more

than thousand Loco employees after their strike met a sorry end, has even applied the President's special power for the first time to refer the matter of bonus of LIC employees to the Supreme Court for its opinion after the employees won their case successively on bonus in the same court.

In the name of streamlining of wages or wage parity, a severe restriction on wages is being tried to be imposed, linking of productivity with bonus is being attempted to deny the workers their legitimate dues and top of all, virtual restriction of legitimate trade union movement is on the cards.

In all these attempts to give a virtual burial militant working class movement, the bourgeoisie is depending more on the help that they are getting from the social democratic parties and forces who still retain their considerable hold and control over the trade union movement. In fact, but for the help of the Central TU's controlled by CPI(M), CPI and other old and neo social democratic parties, the bourgeoisie could not hope to impose 'industrial truce' through backdoor as is the cry of the spokesmen of monopoly homes.

CPI(M), CPI and other self proclaimed 'Left' or 'Marxist' parties are aiding the bourgeoisie in muzzling the working class movement both ways. Wherever these parties are in power they are suppressing all legitimate movements with all the ferocity of state machinery as also are lulling the struggling spirit of the working people with reformist illusions and misdirecting their grievances to legalism-adjudication. To this end, these governments too are bringing legislations.

It is for the class conscious working people to realise the grave danger that threatens the working class movement today. The working class movement is so to say at stake. The social democratic

parties and forces holding their grip and control over big trade union bodies are bartering away the cause and rights of the working class to the bourgeoisie for parliamentary careerism, self and privileges. This is the moment when the working people should see for themselves the worst treachery these parties are committing on their cause, the cause of struggle against brutal exploitation of crisis-ridden capitalism, the cause of emancipation from the bondage of this slavery.

At this moment of crucial importance, should the working people lose heart? Should not they see from their bare experiences that it is SUCI, the standard-bearer of the revolutionary thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great teacher of the proletariat, and the UTUC (Lenin Sarani) led by it that only stand by their cause?

In the crucible of history, SUCI has emerged as the vanguard of the revolutionary working class. By joining the ranks of this revolutionary party of the Indian proletariat, by strengthening the stream of struggle that it has initiated to counter the move of surrendering the working class cause and rights to the bourgeoisie by the social democratic parties both old and new, the working people of our country at this grave hour can really turn the corner, can really bring the situation to their favour. In this test lies the hope of bringing in a mighty wave of working class movement. And it is this mighty wave of movement that alone can save the country from the threat that is being posed by fascist forces to the democratic norms, values and rights of the people. May Day brings this message to the toiling millions of our country. Let them face squarely the challenge. Let them win the test.

Long Live Revolution

Third Annual Conference of Sukinda Upatyaka Mines' Workers' Union

At the 3rd annual conference of the Sukinda Upatyaka Mines Workers Union, affiliated to the UTUC (Lenin Sarani), a firm resolve was expressed to accomplish the revolutionary task of the working class of the country defeating all designs of the ruling bourgeoisie and the social democratic parties and forces. The conference was held at Sarnabil, Orissa, between April 16-19 Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary of the Orissa State Committee of the SUCI and President of the Union, was the main speaker.

Worker delegates from Sarnabil, Kamarda, Kalarongi Chromite mines and Tamka Iron are mines attended the conference. Fraternal delegates had come from TISCO mines, Kathapal mines and Kalia-pani mines. A massive number of more than 1500 delegates participated in this conference.

On the 16th April, the Conference was inaugurated with the song on the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The school of politics which began on the day and continued on the next day was conducted by Comrade Tapas Dutta. He discussed the need of the working class to know the truth for their emancipation and also analysed the history of the

trade union movement in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

On the 18th April, the main political resolution was adopted along with resolutions on the closure of Kalarongi 'F' quarry, revision of minimum wages of the mining workers. The draft of the demand charter was also accepted unanimously.

A new executive body of the union was elected with Comrade Tapas Dutta re-elected as the President and Comrade Mayadhar Nayak as the General Secretary. Comrades Dwarikanath Rath, Trinath Das and Pratap Mohant elected Vice-Presidents. Comrades Purna Satpathy, Sasi Sethi and Rajkishore Barik were elected Joint Secretaries, and Debendra Sahoo was elected Treasurer.

At the open session on the 19th April Comrade Mayadhar Nayak was the main speaker and Comrade Dwarikanath Rath the President. Comrades Debendra Sahoo, Purna Satpathy, Kasi Sethi, Niranjan Sethi, Kabiraj Sethi, Santosh Misra and Bhikari Mohant also spoke. At the conclusion of the conference the delegates returned to their respective places of work carrying the message and the resolve to fulfil the behest of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

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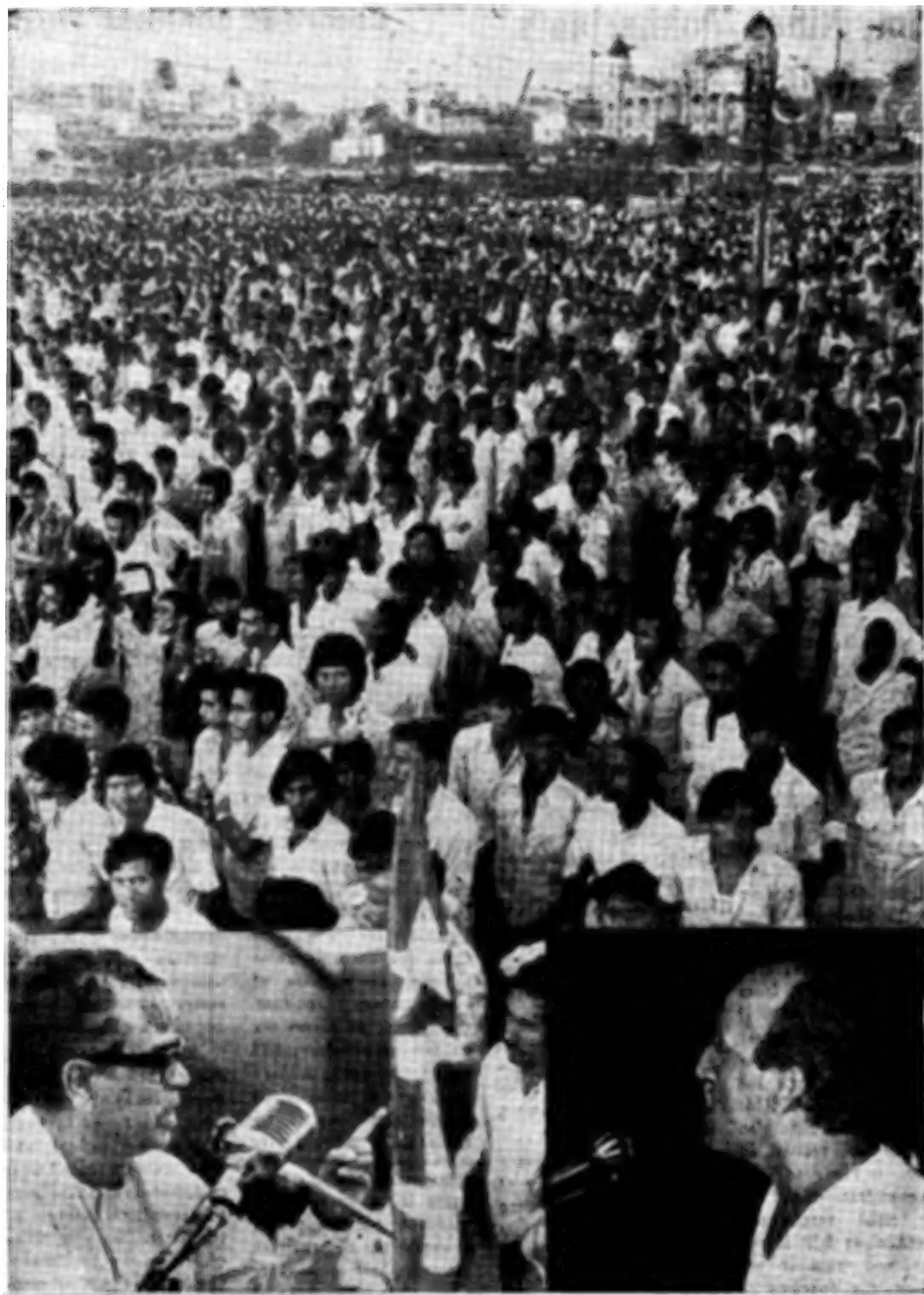
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fought against the heinous attempts to misdirect people's growing wrath into parochial and communal strifes and riots at the connivance of the social democrats, and have striven their utmost to give a democratic direction to people's outbursts guided by our party SUCI. In the course of these struggles in Assam, Orissa and other states many even laid down their life, and died martyrs' death, so did others in West Bengal, in Bihar and other States while participating in democratic movements, large and small being organised both before and after the historic Delhi Protest March on Nov. 4 last. In Delhi they have left behind an indelible imprint of revolutionary determination and devotion, of higher morality born of revolutionary politics. Through these movements they have demonstrated before those filled with despair and frustration: not all is lost, there is hope, there is a way out. It is the way shown by SUCI, the true working class party reared by the great proletarian leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

In the midst of these movements came 24th April. People in one voice responded to the call of 24th April—the call of struggle. From far and near, from all the districts of West Bengal, they came to rally round their dear party, SUCI. They have witnessed SUCI in the forefront of their movements in different spheres both in the rural and urban areas, leading the peasantry and landless labourers sharp class struggle against the combined oppression of the jotedars and rural vested interests who are backed by both CPI (M) and Congress (I); they have witnessed SUCI organising workers against attacks on their hard



Part of the mammoth gathering. In-set, on left Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, on right, Comrade Shankar Singh addressing the gathering.

earned rights, on bonus and due wages and attempts of the social democrats to parallelly entangle them in the net of economism, opportunism, they see that it is only SUCI that is conducting movements against tax increase, price rise, power crisis etc. and especially against the disastrous language and education policy of the CPI (M) led government, they find in SUCI the only

party upholding higher morals and values and raising the demand for free access to knowledge and higher education for all. 24th April proclaims the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

And it is the torch of revolutionary thoughts of Comrade Ghosh that can only illumine the path of their emancipation. SUCI, the standard bearer of these thoughts alone today defends and

guards the revolutionary Kernel of Marxism-Leninism. The oppressed class must search out truth. By taking recourse to lies and deception the working class cannot carry on its tasks. It is the working class, and different strata of oppressed need to know truth concretely and in details, they must cult knowledge and science to enable them to judge the problems correctly and find out a

solution.

They all—peasants, workers, students and youths, intellectuals, office employees, women from all sections of society, many with babies in their arms, and other people from different walks of life came to Shaheed Minar Maidan on SUCI day to proclaim their firm resolve to follow the path shown by the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade

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varicated. Its sole object was to prolong the situation and taking advantage of the existing political doldrum in the state imposed a minority government over the people.

While reflecting on our striving effort to develop left and democratic movement which is conducive to the struggle for emancipation of the people, throughout the whole country, Comrade Mukherjee stated: the present language movement of West Bengal is an integral part of the all India programme of movement of our party. When this language movement after achieving initial success, has been on its onward march to final victory both the Congress (I) along with its allies and the CPI(M) are being found to be engaged in heinous games and activities, to divert the attention of the people from the movement.

The Congress which is already a disintegrated house will suffer from further disintegration if it remains out of power for a long time. So it has become restive for going to power. The CPI(M) whose sole object is also to somehow remain in power, is ready to seek help even from one of the most right reactionary forces such as BJP if the widespread rumour regarding the toppling of the ministry becomes a reality. The people however have nothing to gain in favour of their interest from this nasty game of power politics. One may like to remind the people that in the past this leadership refused to join the Bihar movement on the plea that the right reactionary forces like Jansangh (in fact the present BJP), Congress(O) etc. were there. This shows what kind of naked opportunism is practised by the CPI(M) leadership.

Comrade Mukherjee then emphatically stated:

Our party, in conformity with the stand declared at the time of the very inception of the 'Left Front' Government in West Bengal, will surely oppose any attempt to topple the government though it is doubtful, to what extent they would build up the movement against any such move who are now accustomed to show heroism under police protection. We will have to do it to uphold the cause of democracy, to protect and extend democratic norms and principles though we know that the CPI(M) led 'Left Front' Government of the state is equally guilty like the Congress(I) Governments in trampling down democratic rights and crushing the democratic aspirations of the people. We however still appeal to the rank and file, the supporters and sympathisers of the CPI(M) and other left and democratic parties to forge a unity to develop a mighty left and democratic movement so as to ameliorate the sufferings of the people and revive democratic norms, ethics and values. In conclusion, in a deep emotional tone Comrade Mukherjee called upon the mammoth historic gathering:

Comrades, on this very day, the historic day of the struggle of the toiling Indian people, we must never forget for a moment that our party SUCI, the genuine revolutionary party of the soil, founded and reared by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, is being built up with the revolutionary thoughts of this great leader of the proletariat, as the citadel, the fortress of revolutionary forces of the country. With days passing in the midst of struggle, this party is developing, gaining in strength and rallying more and more toiling people under its revolutionary banner. Exposing all sorts of deception and treachery of the enemy of the people and isolating all shades of

Comrade Shankar Singh's Speech

In his presidential speech, Comrade Shankar Singh, a member of the Central Committee of our party, traced the history of struggle of our party, the lessons drawn from the different struggles and the source of our strength which lies in the revolutionary thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat.

While explaining the reasons underlying the growth of our party SUCI from a tiny political force to its present stage when the party has already spread to all the eighteen states of the country, Comrade Shankar Singh observed, such a growth is normal. The people groaning under the wheel of capitalist oppression and exploitation strive to raise their head against all sorts of exploitation and injustice, the burden of which is mounting day by day. From their experiences of the struggle they have learnt that when all other parties like CPI, CPI(M) claiming Marxists-Leninists try to utilise them for realising gains in the nasty game of parliamentary politics, use them as pawns for bargaining privileges and benefits of parliamentary politics, it is SUCI which alone stands by their side in their struggle

social democracy, this party is on its forward march to lead the people towards their ultimate victory, their emancipation from all sorts of oppression and exploitation.

Comrades, with a solemn goal before us, we will have to move in onward march. We will engage all our energy and strive hard to the last drop of our blood to realise this solemn goal. And thus, and thus only we will succeed in our mission the mission to fulfil the behest of our great leader and teacher, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Long Live Revolution
Long Live SUCI
Red Salute
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

against the capitalist exploitative system.

The people witness when the ruling capitalist class is leading the country towards fascism, save and except the SUCI, the genuine revolutionary party of the soil, all other parties, right or left, are aiding them by pursuing two tactics. By their practice of rotten reformism, revisionism, economism and political opportunism they try to make people victim of all these vile traits and thereby make them cripples lacking in strength and determination to develop movement and fight against exploitation and injustice. Moreover when they are in governmental power they take recourse to all suppressive measures through police and bureaucracy, to nip in the bud the legitimate democratic movements of the people. This is the rule of social democracy of all different shades and colours.

Even whenever they organise movement, they do it solely to realise the narrow end of their parliamentary politics taking utmost care to keep it restrained so that it may not take a militant shape.

These forces, the main danger before the movement work as the compromising forces between labour and capital and take recourse to all sorts of deception and treachery to serve the interest of the latter. Such examples of treachery are many. Comrade Singh then mentioned a few recent examples of such treachery.

The Loco running staff movement was unconditionally withdrawn with about a thousand of workers remaining retrenched. So, also the case with Bangalore based Public sector employees' struggle that continued for 77 days. Even in the case of LIC employees struggle, the same pattern was noticed.

While analysing the rule and political activities of the CPI(M), a social democratic party trying to serve the ruling capita-

list class in the manner most beneficial to them, Comrade Singh observed: to confuse the people the CPI(M) is calling them to fight against authoritarianism. But who does not know that it is moribund capitalism, the reactionary capitalism of the present era that breeds and maintains authoritarianism in the country? So to fight against authoritarianism means to develop and stand firm in the struggle against moribund capitalism. Whereas in their proposed 'fight' against authoritarianism the CPI(M) are choosing all the right reactionary bourgeois parties like Lokdal, BJP, Congress (U) and others as their allies. Even they hope to get in their 'fighting front' the 'progressive sections' of the Congress (I)! What a wonderful fight it will be you imagine! Comrade Singh exclaimed.

Another pertinent question is, fight for what? In reality it is a fight to emerge not as a viable left alternative, of the toiling people, but as a bourgeois national alternative to the Congress (I) to serve the interest of the ruling capitalist class. It will not be a combination, a front to organise people's struggle, but oppose this very struggle so as to defend the crisis ridden capitalism.

While concluding Comrade Singh urged upon the meeting to correctly realise the significance of the occasion and fulfil the task the present moment of history demands. He observed:

Comrades we who are observing this day must try to correctly realise the present political scene of the country and sort out our task and fulfil it.

Remember, the toiling people are for struggle. They want to stand up and raise their head against capitalism. What they need is a correct revolutionary leadership to guide them in their struggle. Ours is the only party, the party

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THE CALL OF 24th APRIL

Delhi, 24th April:

A big public meeting was held at Constitution Club Lawn to observe 24th April, the 33rd anniversary of the Foundation Day of our party SUCI. Comrade Pritish Chanda, Member, Central Committee of our Party, was the main speaker. The meeting was presided by Comrade Gian Singh, Secretary, Haryana State Committee of the Party.

While analysing the present international and national situations, Com. Pritish Chanda criticised Smt. Gandhi's foreign policy. She is day by day turning away from Non-Alignment and neutrality and tilting more towards the Soviets. Both the superpowers by their acts in Diego Garcia, arming of Pakistan or military occupation of Kampuchea and Afghanistan have brought threat to world peace. Comrade Chanda said that the bourgeois ideologues and hired intellectuals, everywhere in the world, today are taking advantage of the crisis of leadership in the world Communist Movement and have renewed their attack on Marxism-Leninism in general and are polluting the human intellect and culture in particular.

As against this tirade against Marxism-Leninism, the proletariat and the revolutionaries everywhere, see a ray of hope in the thoughts and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist thinker of this era. It is Comrade Ghosh who in the post Lenin era has further enriched, developed and concretised the great science of Marxism-Leninism in the era of crisis ridden moribund capitalism. Comrade Ghosh has long ago in his scientific self-criticism of the world Communist Movement shown the weaknesses and their causes in the world communist movement. He has shown time and again that unless the ideological struggles, unless Marxism-Leninism is applied by the

communists in their day to day life and unless the political battles and revolutionary struggles are based on higher proletarian moral, cultural and ethical edifice the communist movement is bound to degenerate and disintegrate. Whatever we are witnessing today in Poland or within West European Communist parties or in the so-called communist parties of our country, are reflections of the same disease. But, Comrade Chanda stressed with conviction and confidence, Marxism-Leninism is a great science and it is the noblest of all ideologies human civilisation has ever produced, and this ideology can never die since science has no death. It is a blatant lie that Marxism has failed, Marxism shall never fail; it will never die. What is required of the revolutionaries is to carry a relentless ideological struggle against pseudo-Marxists and modern revisionists. The red banner which is being maligned by the new defenders of capitalism is to be snatched away from their hands and must be flown high by the genuine revolutionaries. Marx and Engels had to do this against Utopians, Fabians and pseudo Marxists Lenin had to do it against Kautsky and other renegades, Stalin had to do this against Trotskyites, Zinovievites and we are to do the same in our time against the opportunists and revisionists like CPI, CPI(M). Comrade Shibdas Ghosh built up the revolutionary party of the proletariat in this correct Marxist-Leninist process.

Comrade Gian Singh in his presidential address reminded the people the glorious struggles and sacrifices made by the SUCI in the course of developing correct revolutionary party of the working class following the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the founder of our party and a great

Marxist thinker.

The Delhi DYU music squad sang revolutionary songs and the INTERNATIONALE.

Haryana

Purposiveness and solemnity marked the observance of the party's 33rd anniversary in the Haryana State. A big public meeting was organised by the State Organising Committee at Rohtak Municipal maidan on the 30th April. Facing the mass of people was a big rostrum. A high red tower rose from it with hammer-sickle-star atop and projecting a huge portrait of the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, 33 red flags fluttered around.

Comrade Gian Singh, Secretary of the Haryana State Organising Committee, presided at the meeting. The audience listened with rapt attention to the speech of Comrade Pritish Chanda, the main speaker. Comrade Balwant Singh, President of the State KKMS, Comrade Satyawan and Comrade Shyam Sundar also addressed the gathering.

Bihar

In response to the call of the Central Committee, the 33rd anniversary was observed as part and parcel of the movement launched by the party. In Patna a massive demonstration was organised by the State Committee on the 22nd April. The demonstrators started in procession from the Gandhi maidan in the city's heart and paraded through the main streets proceeding toward the Secretariat. The police stopped them in front of the Secretariat.

At a meeting held at this place Comrade Pritish Chanda, member of the Central Committee, Comrade N. R. Singh and Comrade Baleswar Rasulpuri addressed the big gathering. A deputation led by Comrade Shankar Singh, member Central Committee and Secretary of the State

Committee, Com. N. R. Singh, party's M L A, Comrade K. K. Pandey of State KKMS and Comrade Aroon Sinha of DSO handed over a 16 point charter of demands signed by thousands of people.

In his address, Comrade Chanda warned the people against the increasingly authoritarian menace posed by the Congress(I) and the deception and betrayal of the sham Marxists like the CPI(M) and the CPI. He urged the people to realise the need to follow the correct base political line and rally round the SUCI, the genuine revolutionary party founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Rajasthan

The 33rd anniversary of our party was observed in a befitting manner under the auspices of the State Organising Committee. At a public meeting at Pilani on the 26th April, Comrade Girijeshwar Singh presided. Comrade Pritish Chanda, member of the Central Committee, who was the main speaker on the occasion, analysed the present political situation of the country calling upon the people to rise to the occasion and join strength with the SUCI, the only party upholding their cause.

Comrades O. P. Suman, Secretary of the Delhi unit of the AIDSO, Mahesh Chaumal, Secretary of the Rajasthan State AIDSO, Pyarelal of KKMS, Rajasthan, also addressed the gathering.

Jaunpore (UP)

Enthusiastic response of the people marked the observance of the party's anniversary in U.P. A well-attended meeting was organised at the Sports Club maidan near Kachari at Jaunpur on the 30th April. Comrade Jagdish Chandra Asthana presided and Comrade Shankar Singh, member of the Central Committee, addressed the meeting as the main speaker. Analysing the present political situation

of the country, Comrade Singh urged the people to rally under the revolutionary banner of the SUCI to be equal to the task.

MP

At Sagar the observance of the 33rd anniversary was organised in a befitting manner on the 14th April at the Town Hall. Comrade Shankar Singh a member of the Central Committee, was the main speaker and Comrade P. R. Harne, member of the State Organising Committee, presided over.

Karnataka

A public meeting was organised by the Bangalore City Organising Committee of our party SUCI at Bangalore on 28-4-81 to commemorate the 33rd foundation anniversary of our party. The meeting was preceded by extensive wall writing, poster and distribution of pamphlets. The Devaiah Park, where the meeting was held was decorated very impressively with banners, flags and festoons.

Comrade K. Surendra Babu presided over the function and Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Secretary of the Bangalore City Organising Committee of SUCI also addressed the gathering. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, one of the central organisers of our party was the main speaker.

Comrade Radhakrishna speaking on the occasion stressed the need for developing mighty democratic mass movements against the ruling capitalist class. The workers have been observing the failure of the struggles of MICO, ITC, and public sector employees. The state has turned fascist and hence it was showing scant regard for democratic norms and values and for the judiciary. The only way out now is unity of all sections of the exploited masses for no sectional movement can be led today to its logical culmination.

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UPHOLD THE BANNER OF REVOLUTION

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Shibdas Ghosh. Throughout the day the streets of Calcutta reverberated with slogans and were aglow with red flags, festoons and banners held aloft by these marchers in unending streams of procession after procession. In bold, determined steps they marched, their eyes and faces glowing with a spirit of defiance. They defied immeasurable hardships, obstacles, personal problems and natural calamities, in which many had lost their hearth and homes in different areas suffering a cyclone only one or two days previous. But precisely because they have engaged themselves in the revolutionary struggle they have gained this strength and the spirit to defy all hindrances, personal problems, however acute and even natural calamities. Countless people who are observing these struggles feel more and more drawn towards the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, and show their eagerness to know and learn the analysis of our party on the manifold problems besetting society in the present political situation—they too joined in the mammoth gathering at Shaheed Minar Maidan to give it the look of a vast sea of humanity. Adorned with the garlanded portrait of our beloved leader, teacher and guide founder General Secretary of our party SUCI, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the red dais rose in full splendour against the sky like a symbol of the towering strength of Marxism-Leninism, the

science of all sciences developed to a new height by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. On the dais were seated members of the Central Committee and State Committee. Songs on 24th April and on Com. Shibdas Ghosh were sung by the DYU music squad. Komsomol—the young communist wing of our party, presented a guard of honour to our beloved departed leader, teacher and guide and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Sitting and standing shoulder to shoulder, people listened with rapt attention to our beloved General Secretary, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee analysing the present situation in an illuminating speech and explaining the tasks ahead. Comrade Shankar Singh, member of the Central Committee presided over the meeting. After his address the meeting came to an end with the Internationale presented by DYU music squad. The people went back carrying with them, deep in their mind, the firm pledge to give their utmost devotion to the revolutionary cause and engage in an unceasing struggle to imbibe the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and build up revolutionary character to become equal to the tasks ahead. They are full of confidence that it is their beloved party SUCI that is gaining from strength to strength, tearing the mists of deception and treacheries of social democracy and on its forward march remains the only hope, the only silver lining amidst the darkening clouds in the political firmament.

Com. Shankar Singh's Speech

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founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, and educated in the revolutionary thoughts and teachings of this great leader of the proletariat which can correctly guide them and lead their struggle to the

desired logical culmination.

Ours is a big task. It calls for our utmost devotion, sincerity and dedication to the cause of revolution. If we can correctly respond to this call if we can rise to the occasion then we can be

Mine Workers' Demonstration before OMC office demanding abolition of contract system

Workers of Kalarangi Chromite mines thrown out of work for last hundred days since the contractor closed the mines illegally on 18th January staged a massive demonstration before the office of Orissa Mining Corporation Bhubaneswar on 28th April led by Sukinda Upatyaka Mines' Workers' Union. A memorandum was submitted to the chairman, Orissa Mining Corporation demanding that as the principal employer, the corporation should ask the contractor to open the mines or contract system should be abolished from Kalarangi mines and the corporation should operate it direct and fulfil the legitimate demands of the workers. The workers of Sarnabil Kamarda and Kalarangi 'B' quarries stopped work and participated in the demonstration expressing their solidarity with the struggling Kalarangi Workers.

The demonstration of the mining workers 100 days after the closure was first of its kind and historic in Orissa. Hundreds of workers braving tiredness from sleepless night and arduous journey and this scorching sun of April marched in the main roads of Bhubaneswar in a colourful rally with flags and festoons shouting slogans of their demands and Bhubaneswar had a unique sight to witness. The demonstration before OMC office, Bhubaneswar drew huge masses of office-employees, passers by and the local people. A delegation led by Comrade Mayadhar Nayak, General Secretary of the Union submitted the memorandum to the office-in-charge, since the chairman even though priorly intimated of the Demonstration had left the office deliberately. The masses and the demonstrators were briefly addressed by Comrade Mayadhar

Nayak before the gate of OMC office and urged the OMC to fulfil the demands of the workers within 7 days.

The demonstrators in the evening held a public meeting at the nearby market ground presided over by Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, the Vice-President of the Union and a distinguished organiser of SUCI, Orissa State Committee.

The meeting was addressed by Comrade Mayadhar Nayak, General Secretary of the Union, Comrade Raghunath Das, President, K K M S Puri District and Comrade Debendra Sahoo, one of the organisers of Sukinda Upatyaka Mines' Workers' Union. The meeting was largely attended by the students, youths, government officials intellectuals and common people of Bhubaneswar.

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Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing the gathering exposed the opportunist policies and politics of the so-called communist parties like CPI and CPI (M) and called upon the people not to go away from Marxism being hopeless at the politics of these parties. The aim of these parties is to come to central governmental power through election manoeuvring and manipulation by coming to electoral adjustment with any sort of party

big and fit to achieve this big task.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh desired of us to be big, to be hero, to be worthy of the task he has handed down to us. Let us prove ourselves equal to the trust he reposed on us. Long live revolution. Long live SUCI. Red salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

including the communal party like the BJP. Where do these parties like CPI and CPI (M) differ with Mrs. Gandhi, he asked. On Assam problem they see eye to eye with the Congress (I). On Afghan issue and Kampuchean issue they do not differ in any way with Mrs. Gandhi. The 'Left Front's' attitude towards mass movements is in no way different from that of the Congress (I). Then why is this bogey of toppling? It is only to divert the minds of the people from their real problems and at the same time it is an attempt to obscure the growing image of our party the SUCI particularly after the historic language movement in West Bengal where our party could organise all sections of the people and thwart the implementation of the anti-people language policy of the 'Left Front'

government. It is clearly evident that both Congress (I) and CPI(M) are engaged in a mock-fight, in their attempt to project Congress (I) as the only opposition in West Bengal in view of the growing image and strength of our party, SUCI.

The policy of the 'Left Front' would surely be pursued by all other states and Central Government, as has been its aim. It is for the people to see through this and get well organised and thwart the attempts of downgrading English language which would be detrimental to the growth of our mother-tongue too.

In conclusion, Comrade Chakraborty called upon the people to strengthen SUCI the only revolutionary party founded by the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the Indian soil.

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